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PUBLIC HEALTH AWARENESS FAIR TO BE POSTPONED

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Fort Myers, Fla. – In an abundance of caution and for the safety of Floridians, the Florida Department Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) in partnership with Lee Health and First Assembly Cornerstone has decided to postpone the “Community Faith and Wellness in Action Health Fair”, a community event to raise and promote public health awareness.

The event was scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at First Assembly Cornerstone Church in Fort Myers. Information on the new date will be announced at a later time.

COVID-19 is an emerging respiratory disease and there is more to learn about its transmission, clinical course, and populations at increased risk of disease and complications, especially **Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes. People who are at higher risk are encouraged to avoid crowds as much as possible. Everyone can do their part to help plan, prepare, and respond to this emerging public health threat.

Everyone plays a part in lowering the impact within our communities and workplaces by taking every day preventative actions helps to impede the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19. Preventative actions include:

- **Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoiding close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Staying home when you are sick. This message cannot be emphasized enough.**
 - Employees who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness are recommended to stay home and not come to work until they are free of fever (100.4° F or greater using an oral thermometer), signs of a fever, and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants).
 - Employees should notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- **Before traveling take certain steps:**
 - Check [CDC's Traveler's Health Notices](#) for the latest guidance and recommendations for each country to which you will travel.
 - Employees who become sick while traveling must understand that they should notify their supervisor and should promptly call a healthcare provider for advice if needed.

The Department's dedicated COVID-19 webpage at www.FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19 remains the best and most up-to-date resource for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida.

The Department of Health has set up a dedicated COVID-19 Call Center for questions about this virus. Anyone with questions may call **1-(866) 779-6121** or email COVID-19@flhealth.gov. The **Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

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